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REMARKS

This is a Response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2002. Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application.

In the above-mentioned Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 1-21 are subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. In particular, the Examiner stated that:

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I: Claims 1-9, draw to a method for providing a ground strap on a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, and subclass 44.

Group II: Claims 10-21, draw to a high voltage interconnect on a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, and subclass 396.

✓ Applicant hereby elects claims 10-21, with traverse.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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